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1. THE EXPULSION OF THE 43 AMERICANS INVOLVED IN THE "CARIBBEAN VISTA"

PROGRAM MAY BE THE FORERUNNER OF A SERIES OF DEPORTATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL

AMERICANS WHO ARE SELF-PROCLAIMED MISSIONARIES. HAITIAN AUTHORITIES
HAVE RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN A REVIEW OF ALL FOREIGN MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

IN THE COUNTRY. ALL SUCH FOREIGN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO PRESENT

THEMSELVES BEFORE THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS OF

ACCREDITATION FROM THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS VALID HAITIAN

RESIDENCY PERMITS.

2. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOH TO WEED OUT THE "DIPLOMA-MILL"

PASTORS WHO HAVE FOUNDED SO-CALLED CHURCHES IN REALITY TO PROMOTE THEIR

OWN INTERESTS BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IGNORANT PEOPLE. THE HAITIAN

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PRESS HAS SCORED THESE ACTIVITIES AS "TYRANNICAL" AND AS DIVERTING THE

PEASANTS FROM THEIR URGENT TASKS THROUGH EXCESSIVE PROSELYTIZING DEVOID

OF ANY PRACTICAL ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL PURPOSE.

3. THE ACTIVITIES OF LEGITIMATE MISSIONARIES ARE GENERALLY APPRECIATED BY BOTH THE GOH AND THE HAITIAN PEOPLE, AND THE EMBASSY FORESEES

NO THREAT TO THEIR PRESENT PROGRAMS.

4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS BACKGROUND BE KEPT IN MIND SHOULD THOSE AMERICANS IN THIS DUBIOUS CATEGORY WHO ARE ASKED TO LEAVE HAITI IN FUTURE SEEK TO GENERATE PUBLICITY CRITICAL OF THE GOH ON THIS ISSUE.
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